

Docket No. 1083.1048/MS

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2165

Serial No.: 09/000,924

Examiner: NGUYEN, C

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For: DATA PROTECTION SYSTEM, DATA PREPARATION DEVICE, AND DATA  
WORKING DEVICECOMMUNICATION TO THE EXAMINER ONLYAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

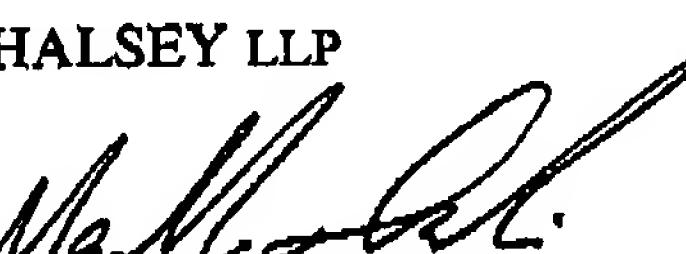
Regarding the Office Action mailed February 23, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on March 23, 2001, it is understood and submitted that based upon telephone conferences with the Examiner on March 6, 2001 and March 22, 2001, the response filed on December 4, 2000 to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2000 is deemed fully responsive. In particular, the claims were properly amended via rewriting according 37 CFR 1.121(a)(2)(ii). Therefore, it is understood and submitted that the Examiner will issue a supplemental Office Action correcting the Office Action mailed February 23, 2001.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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